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BRITISH SCIENTIST ARRESTED

Charged with violation of Official Secrets Act ATOMIC RESEARCH LEAKS

London, February 3.
Karl Fuchs, a scientific officer for the Ministry of Supply, was charged with two violations of the Official Secrets Act in Bow Street court today.

Big earthquake in Yunnan recorded

Bombay, February 3.
"An earthquake shock of great intensity" in Yunnan Province, South China, was recorded on the Poona meteorological laboratory seismograph at 5.09 a.m. today.
The epicentre of the shock was reported in South West Yunnan, about 1,700 miles from Poona.
The Tokyo Central Observatory said today that what was apparently a major earthquake, whose epicentre was unknown, was recorded beginning 2340 GMT Thursday, adds United Press in a report from Tokyo.
Seismologists said they believed the centre was about 4,800 miles away, and that it was at present impossible to determine its direction from Tokyo.—Associated Press and United Press.

Chusan attacks continue

Taipei, February 3.
Further attacks by Nationalist warships on the Communist-held section of the Chusan group of islands South of Shanghai were reported today by the naval headquarters here.
The headquarters reviewed Nationalist naval achievements in January.
These, it said, included 538 Communist craft destroyed or damaged, 78 pillboxes demolished and 92 other defence works wrecked.
Press reports from the big South China island of Hainan said the Communist authorities in Canton had requisitioned 1,500 automobile engines and were sending them to Luchow Peninsula.
These, the reports said, would be used to power craft for the invasion of Hainan.

Repatriation report

A Chinese Press report said today that the French government had granted permission for the repatriation of 30,000 Nationalists from Indo-China to Hainan Island, adds United Press.
The report, carried in the leading local vernacular, quoted an unnamed military source in Hoihow, but lacked official confirmation.
The 30,000 Nationalists presumably belonged to General Pai Chung-hai's troops who fled to Indo-China following the fall of Kwangsi Province.
The Nationalist government has been pressing the French government for some time for their repatriation.
The unconfirmed report said said shipping facilities presently were being prepared to transport the troops to Hainan to bolster the defence of the island.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the continental anti-cyclone continues to dominate China and the adjacent seas. A depression centred about 400 miles SE of Tokyo is deepening and moving NE with its cold front extending NW to the S of Luzon. Another depression is forming over the Sea of Japan.
Today's Forecast: Mainland N. Wind: westerly to NW, fresh at times. Cold and steady.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum 55.8 deg. Fahr.
Minimum 45.2 deg. Fahr.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—11.1 inches. 1.8 inch on 1st Feb. Average of 64.7 inches in 144 days.
10 a.m. 10.0 deg. Fahr.
1 p.m. 10.0 deg. Fahr.
2 p.m. 10.0 deg. Fahr.
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10 p.m. 10.0 deg. Fahr.
11 p.m. 10.0 deg. Fahr.
Midnight 10.0 deg. Fahr.

Fuchs is employed in the Ministry's atomic research plant at Harwell.
At a preliminary hearing, Fuchs was ordered held for trial on February 10.

One charge was "that being a British subject...on a day in February, 1945, in the United States of America, (he) communicated to a person unknown information relating to atomic research, which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy...".
The second charge was that Fuchs "for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state on a day in 1947 communicated to a person unknown information relating to atomic research which might be directly or indirectly useful to any enemy...".

The British government dropped a light curtain of secrecy around the arrest of Fuchs.
The Prime Minister's office at 10 Downing Street, Scotland Yard, the Home Office, and the Supply Ministry all refused to answer any questions concerning Fuchs.
At the Supply Ministry, which directs Britain's atomic energy research, a Press officer said only "The decision has been taken to say nothing whatever about Fuchs."
Fuchs is 38. He was taken to a cell at the Bow Street gaol. Gaolers said he would be transferred to Brixton prison later in the day.
The question of bail was not raised at hearing.
Fuchs was described as tall, slight, balding and studious looking.

Check by FBI

A top British atomic scientist has been arrested in London as the result of intensive check by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation into suspected relay of A-bomb secrets to Russia, adds an Associated Press report from Washington.
London dispatches said Karl Fuchs was charged with two violations of the Official Secrets Act in Bow Street court.
The FBI in Washington issued a brief announcement disclosing it played a part in breaking the case.
Fuchs, 38-year-old, German-born physicist, worked on the A-bomb project in the United States from late 1943 until June, 1946.

Officials here said his place in Britain's atomic setup is comparable to that held during the war by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who directed the Los Alamos, A-bomb laboratories.
The FBI confined its announcement to two terse sentences:
"The case involving Dr. Fuchs was developed by the British on information originally furnished to them by the FBI."
"The FBI has been co-operating very closely with the British on this case."
That was all the FBI would say.

Leaks to Russia

But American officials in a perfect position to know the entire background said the case involves two specific atomic leaks to Russia.
One occurred in the United States in 1945, they said, the other in England in 1947.
The officials provided this account:
The FBI many months ago began an intensive check into suspected relay of atomic secrets to Soviet agents. The check was oriented on the basis of bits of information obtained from various sources.
"Among the things investigated were the trips Fuchs made to this country during the war and afterwards as an officially accredited visitor."
Digging into his background, agents found Fuchs was naturalized as a British subject in 1943. His father is a college professor now living in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany.
The younger Fuchs originally went to England in 1932 as a student and remained there as an instructor in physics.
He first came to the United States in November 1943, on an atomic mission, for the American Government and remained in the United States until June 1946.

After landing at Newport News, Virginia, he spent some time with the British Ministry of Supply office in New York City. Later he was assigned to Washington, to the atom plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and to the Los Alamos laboratory, which produced the first bomb.
He came to the United States again in November, 1947, to attend atomic security conferences with American officials, and shortly afterward went back to London.
The FBI turned over its findings on Fuchs to the British Intelligence Service, which carried on the investigation in England.—Associated Press.

Passports of Nationalist officials

Taipei, February 3.
The Control Yuan urged the Nationalist government to invalidate passports of Nationalist officials who have sought refuge in Hong Kong and Macao, and also those of any who plan to leave Taiwan without permission.
It also recommended stern punishment of any officials who neglect their duties.
Two were selected for special condemnation. They were Sun Yuh-chi, ex-chairman of the National Resources Commission, and Chieh Tuan-mu, former Minister of Communications.
The two were blamed for the defection last year of CNAC and CATC employees in Hong Kong. Sun Yuh-chi now is in the United States and Chieh Tuan-mu is in Hong Kong.
The Control Yuan also urged a complete overhaul of the passport system, and asked specifically for a curb on what it termed extravagant activities of various clubs and hotels in Taiwan.—Associated Press.

Raids on Taipei black market

Taipei, February 3.
The police have carried out a series of raids against black market operators—in Taipei and Keelung, the port for Taipei, in an attempt to stabilize prices.
This job is being handled by the Economic Section of the Provincial Police Bureau.
The first raid, which took place in January, was aboard the British vessel Shengking, just before she was due to leave Keelung for Hong Kong.
Foreign currency, gold and silver, above the regulation amount, were taken from passengers against official receipts.
Raids were also made on two planes of the British-owned Hong Kong Airways, but no illegal currency was found.
The latest raids—on a large scale—were carried out by five groups of economic police in various parts of Taipei. They were looking for underground money exchange shops.
At that time the peak of the US\$ exchange rate was T\$9.95. Since then it has fluctuated between T\$8.80 and 9.80.—Reuter.

Sid Field dead

London, February 3.
The British stage comedian Sid Field, who resumed his part in the play "Harvey" here in December after an illness, died at his home early today.
He was 45 and married, with three children. Mr. Field played his part in "Harvey" as usual last night. This morning, when he was complained of feeling unwell, and soon afterwards he had a heart attack from which he died.
He had returned in December from a health trip to South Africa during which his part in "Harvey" was taken by the American stage and film comedian Joe E. Brown.—Reuter.

QUEEN JULIANA JOINS THE CROWD



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands attended the luncheon of the club of women undergraduates of the famous Leyden University. During the celebrations the alumni toured the busy streets, Queen Juliana among them. (centre).—(AP photo).

Peking appoints delegate to UNESCO meeting

San Francisco, February 3.

The Chinese Communist Government has appointed its delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which is to meet next Tuesday, February 7.

Mr. Li Ke-nung, the Chinese Communist Foreign Vice-Minister, in the telegram informing the United Nations of the appointment, also repeated Mr. Chou En-lai's previous query as to when the "illegal" Nationalist UN delegation would be replaced by the Peking-appointed delegates.

Mr. Li Ke-nung's telegram to Brigadier-General Carlos Romulo, President of the United Nations General Assembly, and Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the world organization, said:
"On the 19th of January, 1950, Mr. Chou En-lai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China addressed to you a notification that the Central People's Government... had appointed Chang Wen-tien, Chairman of the delegation of the People's Republic of China to attend the meetings and to participate in the work of the United Nations, including the Security Council, and asked you to communicate it to the member delegations, of the United Nations and the Security Council."
"Since then, more than ten days have passed, and yet the illegitimate delegates of the Chinese Kuomintang reactionary clique are still tolerated in the Security Council and in the other organizations of the United Nations... I consider this as unjustified."

Call for volunteers in Malaya

Singapore, February 3.

A call for a volunteer force to fight the Communist menace in Malaya was made by Mr. C. Haddon-Cave of the Central Selangor District Planters Association at its annual meeting today.
Calling for the formation of a force made up of men of Malaya and from Britain, he said the country faced a menace which would continue to disturb normal life and happiness unless a united front was presented.
He said: "The task of uprooting Communism in Malaya, particularly militant Communism, is not an easy one and the troops and police that we have now are all hard at it."
"There is much false tranquility of thought, too much wishful thinking, too much of the idea that things will right themselves automatically in the course of time and without any special effort on our part: that The Delfy will continue to look upon us with special favour," Mr. Haddon added.

Referring to differences in the police force, which led to a mission being sent to Malaya, he said: "Fair criticism is fair, but plain bias and hate such as one has seen and heard during the past year is nothing short of subversion and a certain method of helping the terrorists."
"The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, announced the appointment of this mission of investigation last November. After members of Parliament had asked questions on the retirement of a number of competent and senior police officers."
"Mr. Creech Jones, without accepting that members had said that this inquiry was being made because of the dissatisfaction among a large number of the Malayan police, stated:

Peking delegate

"Now that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations is due to convene its session on the 7th of February, would like to inform you further... that the Central People's Government... has appointed Chi Chao-ting as representative of China to attend the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations."
"Please communicate this to the parties concerned, and give an early reply to the question: when can the legitimate delegation of the People's Republic of China attend the meetings of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council...?"
The radio described Mr. Chi Chao-ting as "a non-partisan expert who is well acquainted with the domestic and foreign economic situation." Mr. Chi is currently head of the Peking government's Central Bureau for Administering Enterprises with Foreign Capital.—United Press.

UK RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM

London, February 3.
The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the French Government in Paris his morning that Britain expects to recognize Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia this week-end. It was believed in usually well-informed quarters here today.
Mr. Bevin is due back in London this evening after a six weeks absence, during which he attended the Commonwealth conference at Colombo and visited Cairo and Rome as well as Paris.
The precise timing of British recognition of the three new states in Indo-China still depends on the completion of the power of ratification agreements by which the powers of government are transferred to them.—Reuter.

The King dissolves Parliament

Sandringham, Norfolk, February 3.

Britain today became a nation without a parliament when King George VI at his country residence here signed a proclamation dissolving the Assembly that has ruled the destinies of 50,000,000 people since 1945.

This was the signal for the official start of the British general election campaign, which will continue until February 23 when the country goes to the polls.
The new parliament will be called on March 1 for the opening of any newly elected members. The first session will begin on March 6.

Attlee confident

The Labour Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, last night called Mr. Winston Churchill an unreconstructed "hard core" Tory who still lives in the past and who never has accepted "the conception of a democratic world of states," adds United Press.

Mr. Attlee made known his views on his major opponent for the February 23 election in an interview with the editor of the Daily Herald, an official Labour Party newspaper.
He said he was confident in a Labour victory.
In the interview entitled "What Attlee is thinking," the Prime Minister said Mr. Churchill has "battered about in a tragic fashion" since the end of the war.
"He had a great five years during the war," Mr. Attlee said, "and because of that his place in history will always be high. But since the war he has floundered about in a tragic fashion and he has not really applied his mind to current economic problems of peacetime. Indeed I doubt if he has done so since he took part in the free trade versus tariff reform controversy."—Reuter and United Press.

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JOHNSON'S BLUNT WARNING TO RUSSIA

Washington, February 2.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, bluntly branded Russia tonight as the only possible world-wide aggressor, and said the United States should be prepared "to lick the hell out of her" if necessary.

He avoided shadow boxing on the subject of possible Soviet aggression and issued what is probably the most outspoken warning ever given Moscow by a member of the Cabinet.

"There is but one nation in the world that would start a war that would engulf the world," Mr. Johnson told a University of Virginia Alumni gathering.
"We want a military establishment sufficient to deter that aggressor and sufficient to lick the hell out of her if she does not deter."

Mr. Johnson said the United States defences are stronger now than at any time since 1945 and are getting tougher every day. The "big shooting is over" in the unification row, he added, and the army, navy and air force are working together from the top level down.
"I want Joe Stalin to know that if he starts something at 4 o'clock in the morning the fighting power and strength of America will be the job at 5 o'clock in the morning," he asserted. "That could not have been true at Pearl Harbor—there was not any unification at Pearl Harbor or Pearl Harbor could not have been."

Potential enemy
He said the American war plans have been drawn up with the idea that there is "but one potential enemy of the United States." He named Russia as that threat and said he was not sure peace "would last 24 hours" if the Soviets thought this country was unprepared.

Mr. Johnson also stressed his "secondary aim" of cutting defence costs. He said of part of planned reductions in both civilian and military forces and said he hopes to eliminate up to \$3,000,000,000 more in funds now being "wasted" to keep unnecessary posts and installations open. He said "the new parliament will be called on March 1 for the opening of any newly elected members. The first session will begin on March 6."

PEARSON LEAVES TOKYO

Tokyo, February 3.
The Canadian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, and his team of government experts, who have been on a four-day visit to Japan, left here by air today in a Canadian Air Force Constellation on their journey home.
Before leaving, Mr. Pearson said he would table recommendations in the Canadian Parliament following the recent conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers at Colombo, which he expected would bring an early decision on Canada's recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.—Reuter.

Comfort missions

Comforting missions from other labour unions called on the tramways men last night, and a meeting was held on the rooftop of the premises of the Federation of Labour Union in Lockhart Road.
About 500 people were present. Before the meeting started all attending danced the Yangko on the rooftop.
Among the contributions sent in by the other unions to the tram workers yesterday were \$4,000 from the workers of the China Motor Bus Company.

Labelling this "just damn waste," Mr. Johnson said it could bankrupt the nation in time if allowed to continue. However, he pledged himself to "keep nibbling" at these wasteful expenditures until they all "disappear."—United Press.

Peking Radio allegations denied

The Government Public Relations Officer yesterday denied allegations that armed force was used by the police against the Tramway workers in Monday night's incident.

The official statement said: "The only arms carried by Police were revolvers normally worn by the Hong Kong Police. 'Only one weapon' was used and that by a corporal who found himself impeded by a section of the crowd in which he fired three shots in self-protection while on the ground."
"One of those shots inflicted a superficial injury. The person concerned was medically discharged after first aid."
"Most of the casualties were superficial cuts and bruises caused by falling missiles... Gas guns have a superficial resemblance to Tommy Guns and were carried but not used by certain officers."

"Detained in hospital 3 1
"Since discharged 5 0
"In hospital on February 3 3 1
"The most serious injuries were to two police officers, one of whom had to have five stitches put in his head while the other had a toe amputated."

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Treated and discharged 28 12
Detained in hospital 3 1
Since discharged 5 0
In hospital on February 3 3 1

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Further legal arguments submitted in CNAC case

Canton bans HK currency

Circulation of Hong Kong currency in Canton will be banned from February 10. This was reported in Chinese Press messages from Canton yesterday.

The messages said that the Canton Military Control Commission has taken the step to curb speculation and in the interests of the city's economy.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical recorded concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Association of Hong Kong, annual general meeting, Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.; Independence Day dinner at 47, Walch Street, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

HK Old Alloysians Reunion Dinner, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

Cheers Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

St. Stephen's Boys' College annual sports, Stanley, 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club, Dance and Presentation of Lawn Bowls Prizes, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Tue H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, sketching party to Shek-O Village, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk by the Rev. Mr. L. Outerbridge, 8.30 p.m.

Open Air Concert by the Band of the 1st Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment, New Botanical Gardens, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ST. JOHN ANNUAL BALL

The annual ball of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade was held last night at the Hong Kong Hotel. Heading a list of distinguished guests were the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham. The ball was held under the patronage of Sir Alexander, who is President of the Association.

The Star Ferry provided special transportation across the harbour when the ball ended at 2 o'clock this morning. A brilliant affair, the ball was pronounced a success by all who attended.

In charge of decorations was Mr. Neil Y. Djung, whose taste and artistry was much admired. An excellent floor show was compered by Mr. J. Grenham.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Dora Chih, well-known contralto soprano from North China, who sang "The Italian Street Song" and "Because." Mr. K. C. Tung, the famous juggler, and Mr. Lee Chi-ming, the acrobat, gave performances.

The Hong Kong branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is nearing the 35th anniversary of its birth, has now 650 men in the Ambulance Division with 70 officers, and 244 women in the Nursing Divisions.

The Brigade in addition to its usual work runs a day and night free ambulance service both in Kowloon and Hong Kong.

PANTELIN
THE FIRST VITAMINIZED HAIR TONIC
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Hearing of the application by Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, for a receiver in respect of the property of the China National Aviation Corporation entered its third day at the Supreme Court with further legal arguments submitted on the question of its possession.

This particular phase of the dispute is expected to be finished this morning after counsel for CAT, Inc., has replied to the other side's contentions that a prima facie case had not been made out.

Defendants in the action are Major General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer, who are represented by Mr. V. J. L. Dalton, instructed by Bruton and

CAT, Inc., is represented by the Hon. Leo D'Almada, KC, Mr. John McNeill and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, on the instructions of Wilkinson and Grist.

The pro-Communist management of the CNAC, who oppose the application, are named as third parties in the action, which is being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. B. A. L. Herne, instructed by Ford Kwan and Company, are appearing for the third party.

Mr. C. Losoby, KC, is holding a watching brief for other interested parties.

Continuing his submissions from the day before, Mr. Potter told the Court that, as far as international law is concerned, a change of government by revolution has precisely the same position as a change by more constitutional means.

The Court was not therefore concerned by the mode of how the new government came about.

Dealing with the principle of succession and the aspect of the matter within recognition, Mr. Potter submitted that any property to which the former government is entitled as a government, the new government is also entitled.

Can be recovered

"Assuming that they could sell the property in the sense of technically transferring it, it is clear law that property of that kind found in the hands of anyone can be recovered by the succeeding government," stated counsel, who quoted from various legal authorities in support.

Not only have the new government succeeded to the property concerned, he added, but they have actual possession of its registered shares in China.

Consequently, the new government have at least a constructive control over the property, and need to do it automatically.

Mr. Potter then went on to take as an instance, a supposed action by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Assuming that Chiang "induced America" to give him a loan to proceed with the war, Mr. Potter said he would suggest that that could not be called a public property of the new government.

But if, on the other hand, the loan could somehow come into possession of the new government, then they could keep it, subject to any claim Chiang subsequently made out.

"The point is: can a defeated government deprive their legitimate successor of a public property?" asked Mr. Potter, who replied to this query with a negative.

He went on to say that the present sovereign is not only in possession of 100 per cent of the registered shares of the corporation, but has the right to the property at Kai Tak belonging to the corporation, under the corporation's own law by reason of its shareholding.

So far, he has been admitted that the government are the one and only shareholder, declared Mr. Potter, who added that the new government are now the registered owners and have direct and indirect control over the property.

"We actually claim to be in physical possession of the property at this very moment. It seems to be admitted by Mr. Blake (counsel for plaintiffs) that we are in wrongful possession, but possession itself is not disputed."

Physical possession

Mr. Chen, supporting counsel for Mr. Potter, then rose and dealt with the purported facts as regards possession of the airline.

Counsel submitted that at all times, possession of the property was in the hands of the third party in the action.

The 1,400 employees, he went on, at all times were in possession. These people were under the orders of Colonel Liu, who was at all times the managing director of the corporation acting for the Central People's Government, who are its shareholders and was the representative of that government.

Mr. Chen told the Court that when Liu went to Peking, the corporation was still in existence at the time. Colonel Liu, in his affidavit, said that some time before January 10, 50 per cent of the shares were registered in the Chinese Registry in the name of the Central People's Government.

He said that the rest of the shares were still being registered in the name of Pan American Airways.

But in view of the fact that no representative of PAA was in Peking when Liu arrived, there were left two three vacant places for PAA at the election of the new board of directors of the corporation.

Until Liu came back from Peking, Mr. Chen continued, he did not know that PAA had already parted with their shares of the corporation. The 1,400 employees of the corporation were then paid off to the amount of more than \$1,000,000.

Mr. Chen submitted that the new government's position in this connection has never been denied.

No political motive

He added that Liu had no political motive in his actions, but acted as any ordinary managing director. He took with him several aeroplanes and spare parts to Peking from Hong Kong in order to continue carrying on the object for which the corporation had been formed.

Counsel then made reference to the sale of PAA's 20 per cent share of the assets to the Nationalist government, for which was paid an amount of US\$11,200,000, and compared this price with the alleged sale of the 80 per cent of the property by the Nationalists to Chennault and Willauer which involved only US\$2,000,000 in promissory notes.

Mr. McNeill, supporting counsel for the plaintiffs, then rose and replied to the arguments submitted, in the course of which he contended that it was clear defendants in this action had offered to buy the 80 per cent of the assets from the Chinese Government, to which offer the latter had agreed.

The agreement, he continued, was purported to have been made on behalf of the CNAC. It was an agreement that could therefore be ratified on the face of it by the company.

Mr. McNeill then dealt at length on the subject of assets and shares to show that on the document submitted there was a prima facie case made out by plaintiffs.

Hearing was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. today.

Settlement in seamen's dispute

The eight-month-old labour dispute between personnel of the ss. Li Kung and the Shanghai owners reached a settlement at the Hong Kong Seamen's Union on Thursday.

The 80 seamen will receive five and a half months' pay, HK\$450 "repatriation" allowance and maintenance expenses until their departure for Shanghai.

The terms agreed upon by the owners include: (1) Three months' pay as discharge allowance; (2) one month's pay as New Year bonus; (3) one and a half months' pay in arrears; (4) HK\$450 travelling expenses to Shanghai; (5) maintenance expenses until their departure for Shanghai; (6) all payments to be carried out at the rate of \$1.08 basic salary to HK\$4.08 (7) payments to be made before February 15, and (8) priority in re-employment if the ship, sails again.

The dispute had been a prolonged tug-of-war between the seamen and the owners since the arrival here of the Chinese vessel from Shanghai.

The Hong Kong Seamen's Union arbitrated on behalf of the dissident seamen during the negotiations.

Meanwhile, the seamen are staying aboard the Li Kung, which has recently changed to the Panamanian flag and renamed Cordova.

It could not be ascertained last evening whether the seamen would leave the Cordova for their home town in North China.

RICE RATIONING

During the rationing period from January 6 to 10, inclusive, in addition to the issue of 41 ordinary brown rice at one catty a person at 45 cents a catty, glutinous rice will be at the same time be issued at one catty a person at 80 cents a catty. The draw of either or both rations is optional.

In view of several letters having been published in newspapers complaining of Government rice rationing, the Government has decided to accept registration forms for rice rationing.

The public is requested to submit applications to the rationing office (77A, 227B) so that the matter can be investigated.



Four night club dancers of the Rich Family Dancing Troupe arrived from Manila yesterday. Picture shows the dancers with Mr. Al Richardson, General Manager of the Luna Park. ("China Mail" Photo).

Rural Training College annual speech day

The Rural Training College at Ping Shan not only imparts academic knowledge and teaching skill, but it has implanted in its students a love for rural life, said Mr. T.R. Rowell, Director of Education, yesterday.

The Director was speaking at the college's annual presentation of certificates. He explained the important part which the College should and will play in the New Territories.

He said that the late Mr. Justice Lindell's committee in 1937 recommended sweeping changes in the methods of training teachers.

One of these recommendations was the need for establishing a Rural Training College in the New Territories. It was not until 1946 that action was taken and this College opened.

"I should like to let you know what I intend that this College should do and what part it should play in the life of the villages."

"It may not be generally known that there are 230 rural schools many of them one-teacher schools and that there is an enrolment of about 10,000 children."

"Many of these schools are in unsatisfactory buildings, badly lit and badly ventilated. A loyal and hard-working band of teachers tend these schools, some in remote villages."

"Their only educational contact has been the occasional visit of an inspector and so, cut off from recent developments, their methods of teaching have no chance of progressing."

Better standard

"It is my intention that this College should and will play not only by training new teachers for the village schools but by taking in each year a number of teachers already employed."

"In course of time every teacher in the rural areas will have passed through the college here. In that way I hope to improve the whole standard of teaching throughout the area."

"This plan brings out another aspect. Teachers who have been kindly to schools in unsuitable buildings and will protest vigorously, not on their own behalf but for the sake of their pupils."

"We must, therefore, plan to replace unsuitable buildings. Where it is possible to serve two or three villages without hardship to the children, we must build three and four roomed schools and they should have sufficient ground for gardening and the keeping of live-stock. This may give opportunity to start Young Farmers Clubs or 4-H Clubs."

"A start is being made by the erection of 10 rural schools in the 1949-50 period. In 1950, the college will be contributing to the cost of building. Un Long has its new Middle School, half the funds for which were provided by the people of Un Long."

New schools

"Similar help is forthcoming for schools at Yuen Wan, Lam Chuen Valley, Tai Po and Sai Kung."

"On the islands, two schools are being built on Lantau and two on Lamma Island. These are not costly projects but the results will be very much better than the present accommodation."

"I have mentioned Young Farmers Clubs and 4-H Clubs. They flourish elsewhere and are intended to improve rural practice and make good citizens."

"The name 4-H comes from their badge which is a four-leaf clover with an H on each leaf, standing for improvement in heart, head, hands and health. With the enthusiasm of the teachers of this College, who know what can be done, I hope such will grow."

"This College, started, aimed a certain amount of discipline, with two pigs, a dozen hens, two goats, some ducks and a certain amount of liberty with the 14th fairway of the Golf Club. It has moved to live-stock and gardens twice in three years yet its co-operative society has paid 100 per cent a year reduced boarding costs and the increase in its stock can be appreciated by inspection. There are now over 200 pigs for inspection."

"In addition to these activities the College has brought into being, by its own initiative, two new rural schools. The staff and students opened a practising school at Fanning and, on moving here, opened another."

"The former school is now subsidised by Government and the latter school is run by the College students at no cost to the Government. There is a better way of meeting and overcoming the problems and difficulties of rural teaching than this, especially when under proper supervision."

"As more graduates of the College find their way into the village schools and present difficulties of contact with modern developments must be overcome."

Advisers needed

"We shall need one and later two travelling advisers based on the College who would be able to pay frequent visits to the schools telling the teachers all that was new and bringing special pieces of apparatus for their lessons. This is very different from the work of an inspector."

"I would have the supervisor occasionally take over a village school for a week while the teacher came and will play the teacher's course to the College. Summer courses could accommodate as many as 40 at a time."

"I think I have said enough to show the important part which this College should and will play in the New Territories. Its work is not only the imparting of academic knowledge and teaching skills but it has the added important tasks of implanting in its students a love of rural life and in some measure a working knowledge of a few useful rural occupations."

"With this background the teachers will be able to attract their pupils to the country rather than to the town yet be able to pick out accurately those who would profit from higher education at Un Long and beyond."

"Finally, I must say a word about the Principal. We are extremely fortunate in having Mr. Wong Kwok-fong here. He is a man who knows how to exercise firm but kindly discipline; he realises the difference in treatment between a student and a school-boy; he likes life in the country and is equally at home digging in the garden, lecturing to students, brooding hens or reading the classics in Greek or Chinese."

"Much of the success of this College is due entirely to his own personality, influence and ability. I should like the opportunity of publicly thanking him."

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Luna Park books dancers, Hollywood star

Specialty invited to perform at the "Sky Room," Luna Park, four dancers of the Rich Family Dancing Troupe arrived from Manila by a Philippine Airlines aircraft yesterday.

The dancers are Mrs. E.M. Ginterich, Mr. Charles Ginterich Jr., Miss J. Moran and Mr. J.G. Taboada.

They were met at the Kai Tak airport by Mr. Al Richardson, General Manager of Luna Park.

According to Mr. Richardson the troupe are rated among the best nightclub entertainers in the United States.

While in the U.S. the dancers had on numerous occasions entertained customers in such night clubs as the "Embassy" in San Francisco, "El Comodoro" in New York and many others including some in Manila.

Another coming attraction for the entertainment programme of the Luna Park "Sky Room" is a Hollywood star who will arrive from the U.S. on Friday at the invitation of the Luna Park.

She is Miss Joan Page, of M-G-M. Miss Page, according to Mr. Richardson, will stay in the Colony for three days during which she will sing at the "Sky Room."

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Arthur William Pembroke Cox has been appointed to be an Engineer on probation with effect from January 28.

Mr. A. P. Weir has been appointed Acting Deputy Director of Public Works with effect from January 21.

Mr. R. S. Watson has been appointed Acting Assistant Director of Public Work with effect from January 21.

Mr. J. H. Bottomley has been appointed Acting Chief Building Surveyor with effect from January 21.

Mr. Harold Tiplady has been appointed to act as Deputy Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, with effect from January 21.

Mr. Peter Donohue has been appointed to act as a Principal Education Department, with effect from January 30.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald Swan has been appointed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Registration under the Registration of Persons Ordinance.

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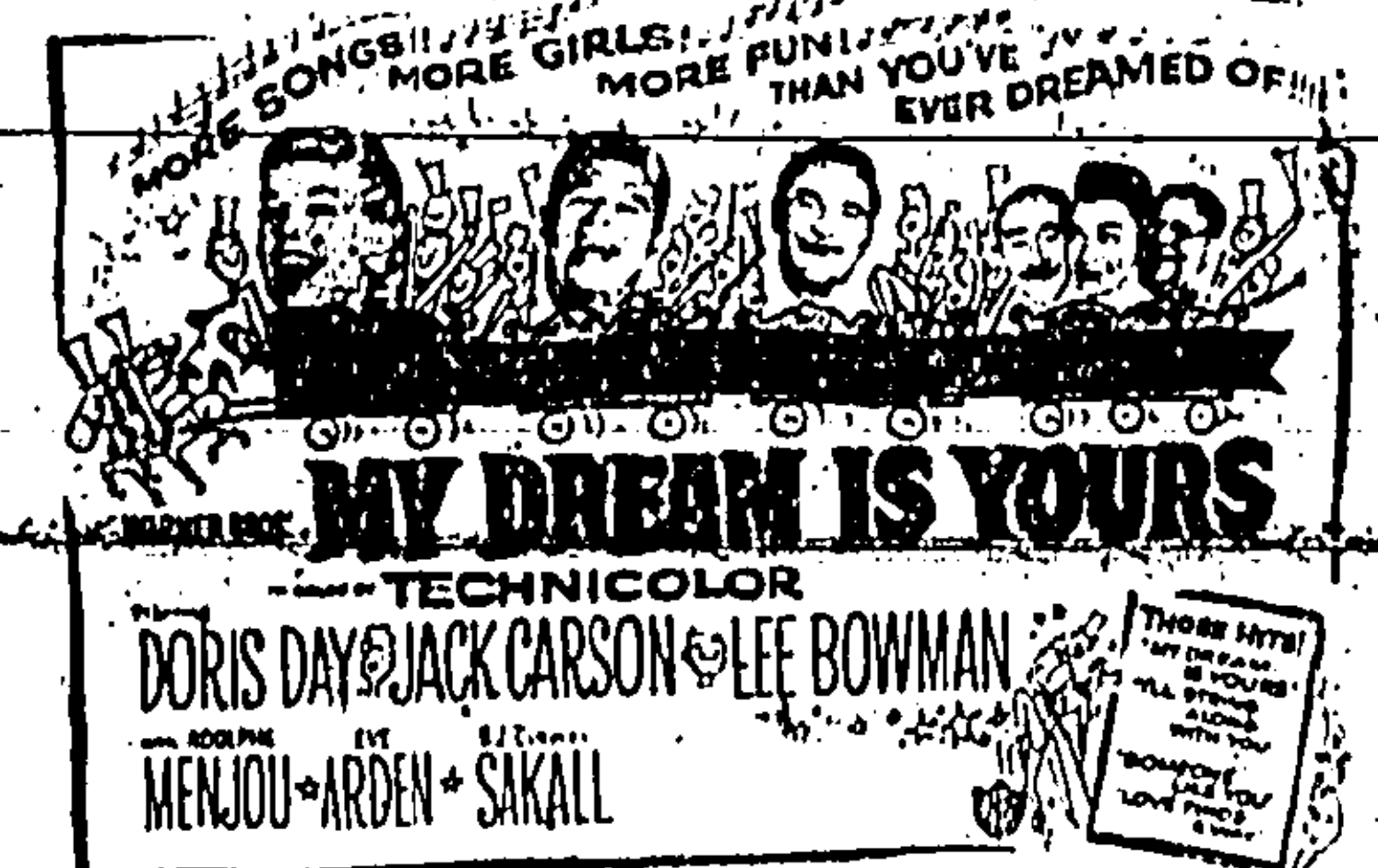
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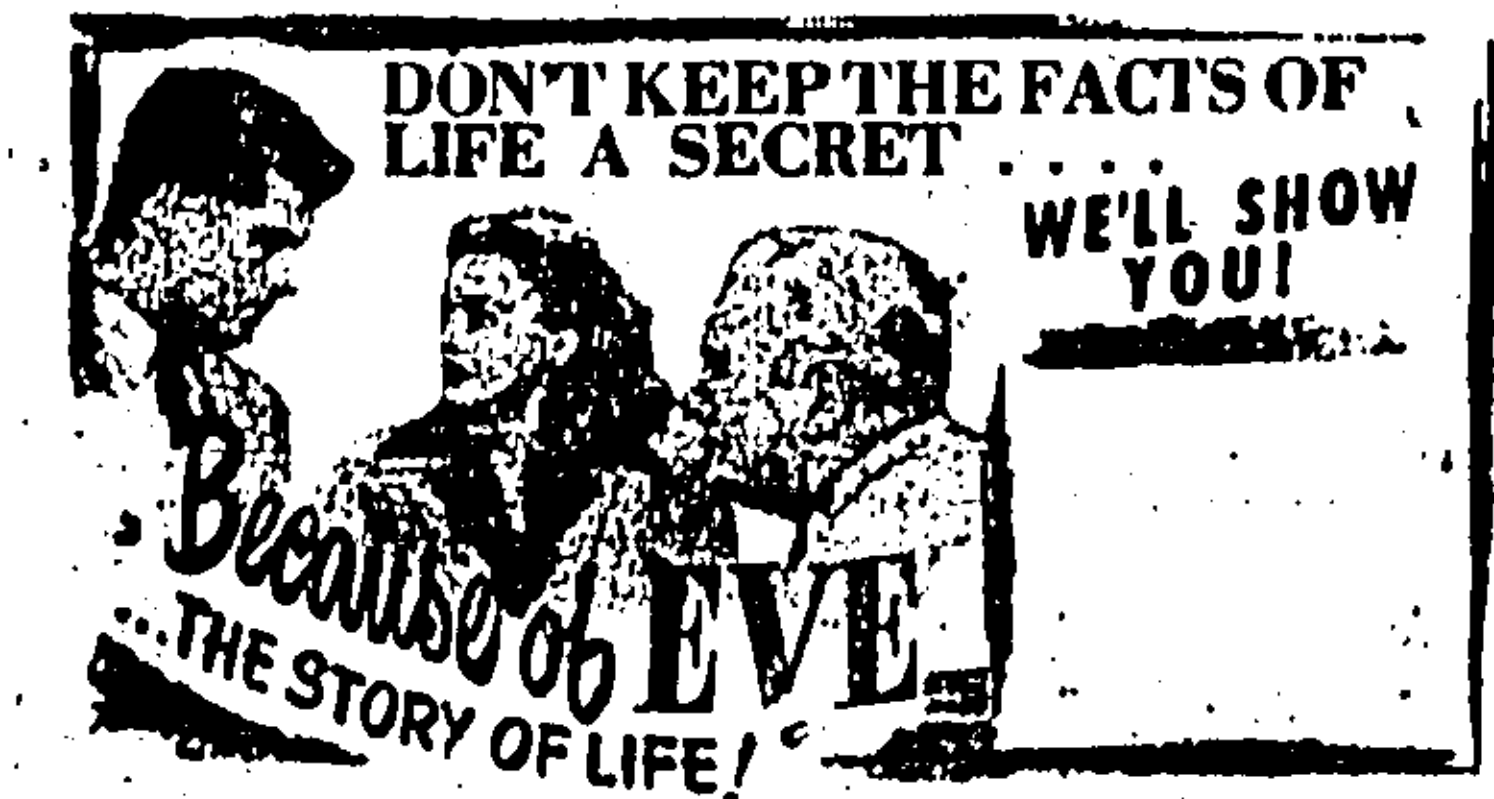
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RUSSIA CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF HER FOREIGN POLICY

London, February 2.

Russia is conducting a comprehensive foreign policy review aimed at consolidating her present position in the East and West, and is looking ahead to growing discord in the Western camp, according to advices reaching diplomats here today.

The basic factors in an overhaul of both trends and tactics in Soviet policy appear to be the Communist gains in the Far East, survival of Marshal Tito in the Balkans, approaching end of Marshall aid and start of United States military aid to Western Europe.

Advices received here indicate that the Soviet review is under the immediate direction of Premier Josef Stalin with the former Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov, and Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Deputy Foreign Minister and an expert on United Nations affairs, as his chief advisers.

Europe's defence plans

London, February 2.

The British Government tonight, for the first time, published the details of the agreement reached last November and December by which the Military Committees of the Brussels Pact powers, while also acting as a regional group of the Atlantic Pact, will keep their functions separate.

A White Paper, which fully explains the relationship between the two elaborate treaty systems, makes it clear that the North Atlantic Defence Committee in Paris last year sanctioned an arrangement by which the Commanders-in-Chief Committee of the Brussels Pact is to retain all its powers under the treaty.

The point of the arrangement, which caused some heart-burning on the Continent while it was under negotiation, is to permit the military planners of the five powers to maintain two separate sets of defence plans.

One, drawn up in their capacity as the Western Union, will provide automatic military aid by all five if any one is attacked. The other, drawn up as a regional group of the Atlantic Pact, will tie in with the looser provisions of that treaty.

In the event of aggression all signatories will take action deemed necessary which may include military aid.

The formula giving the relationship between the military arrangements under the two pacts makes it clear that the military grouping of Britain, France and the Benelux powers will now act in two separate capacities.

This meets the French insistence that the strict defence commitments of the Western Union should not be lost in the looser commitments of the Atlantic Pact.

It also meets the British view that there should be no duplication of effort by the existence of two parallel organisations dealing with the defence plans for the same five powers.

Reuter.

Czechs expelled by Canada

Ottawa, February 2.

The Canadian Government has ordered the expulsion of two members of the Czechoslovak Legation staff in Ottawa in retaliation for the expulsion last week of two members of the Canadian Legation staff in Prague.

Mr. Arnold Heeney, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, announcing that the expulsions were retaliatory, said that the Czechoslovak expulsion of the two Canadians was totally unwarranted.

Charges of espionage against them were trumped up, unfounded and baseless, he said.

This is the first time Canada has taken such a step. "It is a fair assumption that we will treat similar cases in future in the same way," Mr. Heeney said.

He added that the Canadian Government is not making any charges against the two Czech officials expelled—they were simply singled out for retaliatory action.—Reuter.

Sensational theft of paintings

Kiel, February 2.

A 21-year-old German student who has been sought by the German police on suspicion of having stolen 2,000 works of art by world famous masters gave himself up to the police here today.

He is being questioned in Kiel Remand Prison tonight about what is described as the most sensational art theft of the century.

The missing works are said to be worth several million marks.

The police had discovered in a trunk, said to have been deposited by the student in a Lubeck Bank, 1,444 works of art missing from the former collections of German art galleries.

A few days before the police had confiscated in the student's former flat a second trunk said to contain 135 works including pictures by Rembrandt.

The contents of the trunk found in the bank were said to include 32 etchings and paintings by Rembrandt, 45 by Durer, 100 by the 18th century master, Daniel Chodowiecki, one by Raphael, one by Hans Holbein and several other world-famous masters.

The trunk and its contents were brought to Kiel today for final examination by an art expert, the police said.—Reuter.

INDONESIAN LOAN CHANCES

Washington, February 2.

The Indonesian Economic Affairs Minister, Dr. Rader Djuanda, believes the Export-Import Bank is considering favourably a \$100,000,000 loan for the new Republic.

Dr. Djuanda will confer with bank directors on Friday.

He returned today from New York where he was guest of honour of 500 persons, including exporters and importers.

The new Indonesian Ambassador, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, now in New York, is expected here on February 6.—Associated Press.

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AN UNCONVENTIONAL ADDRESS

By "Windrush"

A pamphlet is circulating in England in large numbers called "An Address to British Electors." It is by Mr. Lionel Curtis. It will certainly have very little influence on the result of the election, but it does suggest some interesting speculations.

Nearly everybody at some important moment of his life must have been inclined to say "Well, either I am mad, or all the rest of the world is mad. For it seems to me as plain as a pikestaff that . . . and so on and so on."

Mr. Curtis is in this mood. He thinks it strange—or, let us not mince words, he thinks the country must be mad—that this general election can be fought on ordinary party issues, and over such questions as the nationalization of steel or sugar, when there is hanging over us the most awful threat which mankind has ever known, the threat of the atom bomb. He thinks that the voters should be thinking of this, and of very little else.

Mr. Curtis is literally living in a City of Destruction. He says his address "more threatening than Bunyan depicts in The Pilgrim's Progress. Twice in this century we have hardly escaped with infinite loss of lives and treasure. In this atomic age we now have before us the valley of the shadow of death. It is time that every voter should realize that at the coming election responsibility for taking the steps to prevent a third world war rests with him."

Defence ignored
It is an interesting and depressing comment on Mr. Curtis' address that since it was distributed the Labour Party has issued its manifesto. This devotes only 30 lines to foreign policy in a pamphlet of 12 pages. It ignores defence, the Atlantic Pact, and except for the most perfunctory reference, the United Nations.

Mr. Lionel Curtis, the man who has issued this sombre appeal, is no ordinary person. Though his name is not widely known, he is a distinguished scholar and a member of the Privy Council. He has been a member of successive governments. As a young man he worked under Lord Milner in South Africa, and was one of the small band who thought out, and then negotiated the acceptance of the South African constitution of 1921. He is said to have initiated behind the scenes the Indian Act of 1910 which set India on the way to the high status which it now enjoys. He was one of those who helped to bring about the settlement of the Irish struggle in 1921.

Curtis is a rather unfamiliar figure in British politics. The British public is mistrustful of those who work like moles underground. But nobody has ever questioned the wisdom of the causes which he has taken up. In the past two decades he has come to be regarded in some political circles in England very much in the light of a prophet in ancient Israel. People do not always pay much attention to what he urges—who does listen to prophets, except sporadically? But when he warns of danger, danger has a way of showing itself a reality.

What is to be thought of his present "election address" in the election in which he is not standing? The gist is in the sentence "There is only one way of averting disaster. That is, the elimination of the barrier between sovereign democratic states by the creation of a supra-national authority representing a combination of men and material which no aggressor will dare to assault. This can only be done by common consultation and action of the British Government, of those of the Commonwealth, and of all free governments. The British Government should take an immediate initiative."

No initiative
Mr. Curtis' reason for issuing his address is that he sees no sign of the British Government taking the initiative. He is horrified by the "negative and dilatory" attitude of the British Government.

to an end—the establishment of centres of observation and intrigue within the country. Moscow does not share Pandit Nehru's honest and single-minded devotion to Nationalism. Its sole interest is in creating obedient Communist States. Obviously it doesn't want Indo-China to go the same way as Indonesia. Hence it has tried to sabotage both the Franco-Vietnam agreement and any possible agreement between the Bao Dai regime and the Vietnamese nationalists. Such a development could only mean the exclusion of the small group of genuine Communists who have been trying to exploit nationalist aims for Communist purposes.

The Kremlin has applied the index to all national patriots, even when it is linked with a Communist economy, as in Yugoslavia. It has aggravated its affront to its ally, France, by the studied rudeness with which its Ambassador in Paris—only too obediently following the instructions—refused the French request. The result is no longer a domestic issue. In the case of Indonesia, the Indonesian Government has now taken on an international aspect. It is a fact that this may mean

the attitude of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. "My object," he says, "is to impress the electorate that responsibility for averting disaster is transferred to a General Election from rulers who have failed to discharge it to the shoulders of the voters themselves."

Prophets seldom shine at practical details. It is easy to shoot at Mr. Curtis' concrete proposals. He wants voters to vote only for candidates who will pledge themselves in writing to put the prevention of war in the forefront of their policy. Every candidate in the country including the Communists, would be delighted to give such a pledge. But how does the British Government set about preventing war? Mr. Curtis sees the only hope in political and military union of all the free governments. Perhaps there is a case for carrying out present very intimate union with the United States to the

Enough to prevent war?

And suppose that there were a confederal union of the U.S., Great Britain, and the Anglo-Saxon Dominions. Would that be enough to rule out war? India, certainly, would not come into the Union. It regards the struggle between Russia and America as power politics in which it does not wish to be entangled. Would Western Germany be admitted to the union, and also Italy? That raises questions of the nature of the Union. For if it is to be more than a military alliance, it must be a political union, there must be more or less unrestricted movement of labour. Would America agree to the flooding in of Ger-

many's refugees and Italy's unemployed?

Mr. Curtis' pamphlet suggests that he is criticising the Labour Government for its failure to bring about a union. But has it not, in the Atlantic Pact, and all the "advantages" which Mr. Curtis sees in union, while avoiding all the obstacles, the probably insuperable obstacles, which he in fact mentions?

Finally, even if a military union of all the free world could be achieved as far as Mr. Curtis desires, there will be no hard and fast guarantee of peace. For the union of the free governments will not really constitute a combination of men and material which no aggressor will dare to assault. Suppose some outside power were the first to invent something more deadly than the atom bomb.

These are damaging weaknesses in Mr. Curtis' address. But the pamphlet was not issued without cause or provocation. After all, only 30 lines to foreign affairs in a 12 page pamphlet. Mr. Curtis may well say "Am I mad—or is the country mad?"

The Canberra Committee

By "Windrush"

Two events have caused a new wave of speculation about the future of the Commonwealth. One is the proclamation of the Indian Republic on January 26. The other is the decision by the Colombo Conference to set up an Economic Committee at Canberra.

The first reaction to the Colombo Conference in London was a certain amount of disappointment. Some people had expected the dramatic decisions which would have found it hard to say. The announcement of the setting up of the Canberra Committee was passed over with little comment. But now it has suddenly become realised that the Committee may prove of first-class importance in the development of the Commonwealth.

The Canberra Committee may be relatively a small thing but it may end by giving the Commonwealth a Secretary. For many years a controversy has been going on in the Commonwealth. The question has been whether the decentralising tendency of the last two decades has not gone far enough. This trend was necessary as long as any of the countries of the Commonwealth was unaware of its independent status. But in all the countries of the Commonwealth the powers of the central government have been raised, and the time has come for re-organising it more closely.

A proposal for a more formal organization was made officially by the Australian Government in the latter part of the war. It was resisted by Canada. The plan appeared to have been given up. Nobody talked of it any more. Now, when nobody is thinking in terms of the theory of whether or not there should be a Commonwealth Secretary, the Canberra Committee has sprung up by the accident of the practical needs of the situation in Asia a Committee

which may be the germ of a perfectly good and respectable Secretariat. What theoretical discussions could not do, the pressure of events has done instead.

Scope visualised

What will be the scope of the Canberra Committee? The Governments of the Commonwealth will have to clear up this question in the next few weeks. The influential paper, the "Economist," is already clear in its own mind about its importance. Since capital is in short supply in the Commonwealth, the Committee for the development of SE Asia, and there with its protection against Communism, must come from America. But this capital can only produce the results desired if it is channelled through suitable political channels. America is new to the Orient. The best available political machinery is the Commonwealth Secretariat. The capital and Commonwealth political life have to be brought into alliance.

The "Economist" sums this up in three pregnant sentences: "No doubt, given time, America itself by direct action might create comparable channels of contact and understanding. But at this eleventh hour in Asia availability is the greatest political asset and that for all its weaknesses, for all the consequences of its links, the Commonwealth still possesses."

At the present time this fact is the Western world's most practical political advantage in Asia. With these new conceptions in the air there has been a spate of new confidence in London about the future of the Commonwealth. Some of it is misconceived, and even dangerous. While it is important that the usefulness of the Commonwealth should be properly appreciated, it would be a disaster if extravagant ideas got about about its role in the future.

The Commonwealth is an instrument of political convenience. It is a machinery for international co-operation. It is not a State or super-State. It is not something to be set up and worshipped like a god. It is a machinery which is a political system to which the individual owes loyalty in the same sense as he owes it to the State. The member states may, of course, be loyal to the idea of the Commonwealth, that is, to the ideal of the system of international co-operation which it embodies, but that is quite a different thing from loyalty to a State.

Of great service

Unexpectedly, it may prove that India's proclamation that it is a republic will do of great service in bringing home the new meaning of the Commonwealth. As long as the Crown was the main connecting link between the members of the Commonwealth, still looked a little like a super-State. India's action, even though it has distressed some of its brother members of the Commonwealth, has been valuable in clarifying the new conceptions of the nature of the Commonwealth.

If the Commonwealth is a machinery for collaboration, and if it is to be a machinery of great service, this machinery must be changed and adapted to meet changing circumstances. There is nothing sacrosanct about it. There need not even be a fixity of membership.

If circumstances change, and it suits a member state to contract out of the Union, it is free to do so. It is all a matter of convenience. Other States may choose to come in; and under the new conceptions they will be free to do so without in any way compromising their sovereignty or independence or severing their existing links with other countries.

Many people clearly expect that Indonesia, for example, may find it easy to associate its own future with this new international machinery. What will be India's part in it still too early to say. There are powerful forces working in India to put the clock back socially and to establish a reactionary Hindu State. If these prevail, the India of the future will wish to work less closely with the Commonwealth than does Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

But in the immediate future Republican India will probably be one of the Commonwealth's most active members. The opportunity now exists for the political architects to build on the foundations of the old Commonwealth, whatever new machinery of Committees and Secretariats it is in the general interest to erect. This should be one of the most fruitful periods of Commonwealth history.

Professor urges society to lift taboos on sex

A Yale professor of anthropology today urged the Protestant clergy to lead a second sexual reformation by lifting society's taboo against pre-marital sexual relations.

A Catholic priest, a philosopher and a former Protestant clergyman who is now a mental hygienist immediately protested against the professor's contention that pre-marital chastity is of no value to society.

George Peter Murdock, professor of anthropology at Yale University, made the proposal in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Social Hygiene Association. He defended other sexual taboos of present-day culture as necessary to the maintenance of the family.

He claimed, however, that pre-marital sexual experimentation among adolescents was a good basis for marriage. He said that the prevalence of pre-marital sexual experimentation and homosexuality, and the removal of a major cause for divorce.

He said that, against recent tradition, many of the world's religions had been found to exist in almost all cultures of the world and were venerable institutions because of their long history in promoting the family.

He said that the removal of the taboo against pre-marital sexual relations would be a disaster to the family and to society.

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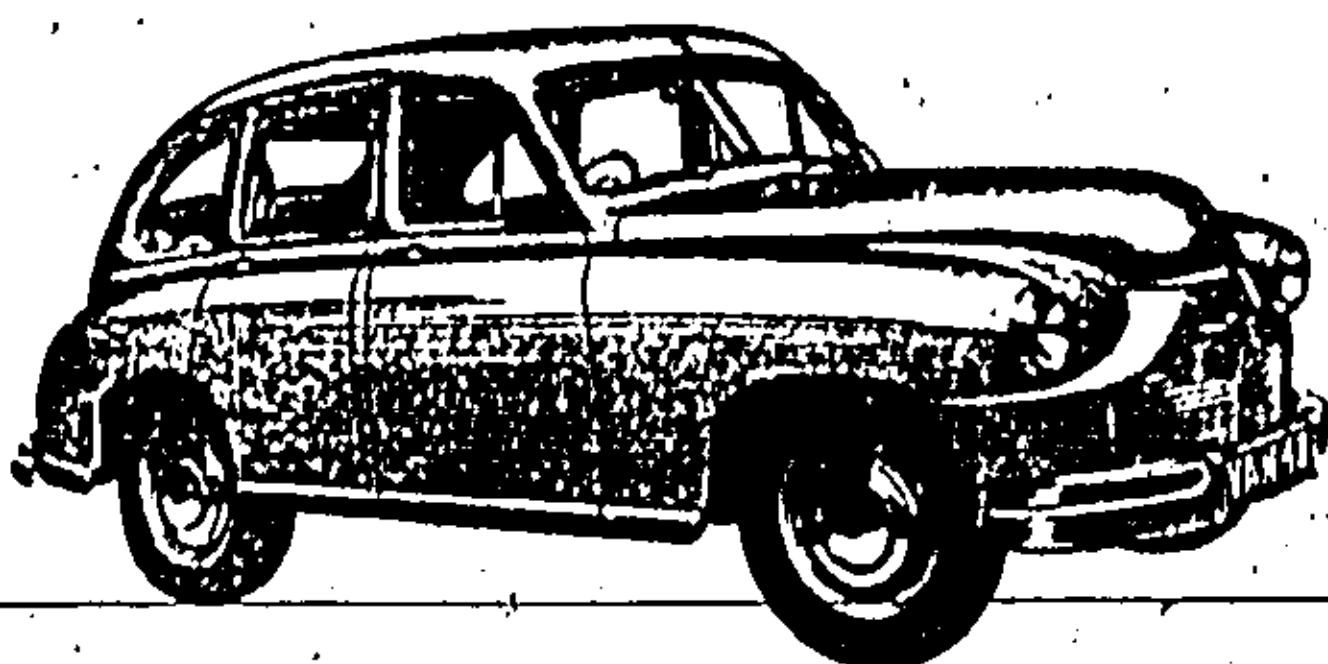
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Popular range of Jaguar continued in 1950 models

As might well be expected, the current series of Jaguar cars which were introduced last year, and which have been making motoring history ever since, will be continued without major alterations, but with a few deft extra touches in detail refinement.

The range comprises the Mark V 3½-litre six-cylinder saloon, or drop-head coupe, Mark V 2½-litre six-cylinder saloon, or drop-head coupe, and the X.K. Super Sports with 3½-litre six-cylinder or 2-litre four-cylinder twin overhead camshaft engine.

The Mark V saloon is an outstanding British car with a fine traditional appearance, conveyed in most of its lines. It has a first-rate road performance in liveliness, stability and general refinement of handling, and the price is remarkably modest in view of the high quality.

When it was introduced at last year's Show the Super Sports Type X.K. created something of a furore by reason of its fascinating lines, and it has since proved its mettle by achieving a timed mean maximum speed in Belgium of 132.5 m.p.h. and thus gaining the right to the title of the fastest sports car in regular production in the world, and again recently by winning easily first and second places in the production car race at Silverstone.

Incidentally the demand for the X.K. for export and at home has far exceeded expectations, and production is being speeded up by all possible means.

As a result of widening experience of the Mark V in the hands of owners, a few refinements have been added to the original design.

The adjustable front seats of the saloon have been altered so that the driving position is less upright. The lighting of the instrument panel has been changed to normal illumination of dials with white figures.

Then the locking of the bonnet from inside the car has been improved, and in place of plungers and cables the mechanism is operated by rods and levers; the levers have a sufficiently long travel to prevent anyone from unlocking them accidentally, or mistaking the control.

The method of removing the "spats" that partly conceal the rear wheels has been materially improved. All that one has to do is to open the recessed tool tray concealed in the luggage

locker lid, take out a carriage key, and give a partial turn to a "budget" lock in the top of the spat.

It then swings outwards from the top and can be lifted and slid out of hinge sockets at the bottom. Since the Mark V was first introduced a more efficient form of rubber sealing around the doors has been added; the doors are controlled by push buttons.

On the drop-head coupe the linkage of the head structure has been arranged to provide easier operation, and the centre pillar has been made more robust.

Mechanical touches include a modification to the reverse stop to make it more positive, a spring-loaded mounting to the centre bearing of the divided propeller shaft, and some detail improvements to the brakes.

Lastly a concealed cross bar has been added behind the vertical slats concealing the radiator, which has the effect of reducing wind noises.

Modifications to the X.K. Super Sports are mostly of a practical nature. The filler for the fuel tank has been moved a little to one side and is now situated beneath a neat trap door in the left side rear wing.

This device is so arranged that the filler cap opens with the trap door. The filler lid now has a lock and key. Head and screen detail work has been improved, and a very effective toggle device is provided on each side to lock the peak of the hood rigidly to the top of the screen.

The front seats are now separate and upholstered in Dunlopillo.

The twin bumper bars across the fronts of the wings have been raised, and below them are rectangular ports which allow the air stream to reach the scoops on the brakes. At the back there is a vertical over-ride on the tail of each wing.

The spats over the rear wheels have the same easy form of detachment which has been adopted for the Mark V. Lastly, Lockheed hydraulic brake equipment is now fitted.

MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

CAR FOR STALIN



The Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party offered a gift to Marshal Joseph Stalin recently. The car was taken to Moscow by Palmiro Togliatti and Pietro Secchia, Italy's number one and number two Communist leaders. Photo shows the Alfa Romeo, a six-cylinder, 2,800 c.c., sports model. (Associated Press Photo).

Speeding-up polishing your car

Motorists who are keen to maintain their cars in a reasonable appearance and who cannot spare the time to wax polish their cars by the usual methods may be interested in a new spray-on wax polish which may be applied in a matter of minutes.

Known as the "Jove" wax-sprayer, the kit comprises a hand-operated spray gun, similar to that used for spraying insecticides, a tin of wax-spray polish, a slightly smaller tin of chrome and glass cleaner, and a small length of mutton cloth for polishing.

Before commencing operations it is essential that the car be washed thoroughly and dried off with a leather.

Further, to obtain the best results, particularly if there is a film on the cellulose or any grease spots, it is advisable to go over the car with a good pre-wax cleaner, a number of which are on the market. When these stages are completed all chrome and glass fittings should be polished with the "Jove" chrome cleaner which will be found very effective on rust-marked surfaces.

Definite dividends

It will be obvious from the foregoing that there is no saving in time or labour in the preparatory stages, but the kit pays definite dividends when it comes to the application of the wax.

The gun is partially filled from the tin of wax polish and then holding it so that the nozzle is about two feet from the car body, spray round the entire surface, including the chromium parts.

This will take only a matter of minutes, but care should be taken not to overspray, as one coat is sufficient. There is no need to protect the windows. All that now remains is for the bodywork (including the chrome fittings) to be polished with a clean, soft cloth. To complete the job, polish the glass with the chrome and glass cleaner supplied in the kit.

It is recommended that the polishing is done with the car out of the sun, and, if possible, also out of the wind. One should also be warned if traces of a white film appear during the final polishing stages, as this will blow away as soon as the car is driven off. The dust is caused by premature hardening of about one per cent of the wax particles sprayed on to the car.

The "Jove" wax-sprayer is marketed by Valay Industries Ltd., 186, Camden Hill Road, London, W.8. Additional tins of polish and cleaner are obtainable when those supplied with the kit are exhausted.

New DKW produced in Germany

In the Western Zone of Germany production of the new DKW F9 has just started. It is also expected that it will be built in the old Auto Union factories in the Russian Zone.

This post-war version of one of the most popular small cars on the Continent has a three-cylinder in-line power unit with the radiator mounted behind the engine.

The capacity is 900 c.c. (28 b.h.p.). The wheels are independently sprung and the roomy two-door body is of welded steel mounted on a box girder chassis.

A prototype of this model was brought to England for inspection after the war. The car was originally designed in the Eastern Zone of Germany, and there is evidence to show that some of the engineers engaged on its production have liberated themselves to the Western Zone.

Previous DKW cars had their engines mounted across the frame, but the new model carries its three-cylinder power unit in the normal way. The fan is at the back of the engine, leading air through a radiator mounted at the front.

Front-wheel drive is retained and the wheelbase is 75 in. Not prices have yet been announced.

Rubber in car design

Rubber suspension is by no means new. There have been a number of springing systems incorporating rubber, some of which have utilised the rubber in compression; modern preference appears to be for use in torsional shear.

Such suspension systems have been reviewed on several occasions for the idea is one which seems to receive perennial attention. Hitherto, however, it has not been adopted on a production scale.

Interest in rubber suspension in Britain is likely to be renewed by its application to a heavy vehicle, a single-deck bus which has been placed in experimental service by the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Company, whose progressively minded general manager, Mr. D. M. Sinclair, is chairman of the Midland Centre of the I.Mech.E. Automobile Division.

The rubber suspension is applied to the rear axle only at present, and each unit consists of four large-diameter circular rubber bushes produced by Metalastik Ltd.

These bushes consist of an inner and outer sleeve to which the rubber is bonded, and the outer sleeves have two jaw-shaped extensions to accommodate the ends of toggle links joining each pair of bushes together.

Progressive resistance

Moreover, the bushes are so mounted that when deflection takes place from the unladen

position, there is eccentricity of the inner sleeve relative to the outer sleeve, and the resistance introduced in the rubber by this eccentricity is in addition to that resulting from change in torsional deflection.

This is a very valuable feature of the system, because as deflection increases the eccentricity causes an increased resistance, so that the stiffness of the spring increases with the load carried. This applies also for rebound movements.

Another feature of the system is the arrangement of the bushes at an angle to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle; the bushes nearer the axle being closer to the longitudinal axis than are those attached to the chassis frame.

This outward splaying of the bushes is to avoid excessive sideways movement of the chassis and body relative to the axle and wheels, but it has the additional advantage of stitching the spring towards the outside when cornering, thus reducing still further the tendency to roll.

Although rubber possesses self-damping qualities, these are not sufficient to allow spring dampers to be dispensed with, and direct acting Newton-Basset dampers are incorporated in the design.

The application of rubber to the suspension of a heavy vehicle is believed to be the first, yet made in Britain, but similar vehicles in the U.S. have, for some time, been equipped with rubber suspension units of the "torsion bar" type.

At first, for the experimental vehicle before it was placed in service, with the load was approximately one-third of the maximum, it was found that the ride was of a high order. The characteristic feeling of a rubber spring was very evident, but it was the absence of comparatively high frequency vibrations of small amplitude.

The ride was also impressive, and there was an absence of "hopping" which added to comfort.

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A watch on Westminster

Even here in Palm Beach, among the snobs and the nabobs, the British election is news. The Palm Beach "Daily News", whose masthead slogan is "53 years devoted to society, sports, hotel, cottage, and club life in Palm Beach," is now devoting some of its front page to Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee.

The Palm Beach Post is running a series on the problems of unscrupulous Socialists.

The local radio finds time for reports on the election, campaign speeches, sandwiched between yacht race results and "Sail-fish Derbys."

Plenty problems

Coming here I have not got away from it all, but remained stuck in the middle. Palm Beach is watching Westminster. Perhaps it is doing so to take its mind off its own problems, because it has plenty. An era is ending here.

This is no longer the millionaires' Mecca, the shining Gold Coast, or the exclusive hangout of Society. The palms are here, the beach is here. Where are the people?

Along Worth-avenue, one of the most fashionable and opulent shopping streets in the world, the lavish stores are almost deserted.

If America were deep in a depression business could hardly be worse. It is embarrassing to walk along and peer through thick plate glass into shops crammed with luxury goods but empty of buyers. Any minute I expect salesmen and floor-walkers to abandon their dignity and poise and do a little sidewalk huckstering.

The fashionable restaurants are already capitulating. I had been told that at the fabulous Taboo and Alibi only the possessors of great names or great wealth were welcome. The routine visitor would be tucked away in the corner or hidden behind palms so that the sight of him would not offend the gilded patrons.

Usual excuses

It is not so. Business is no bad that longshoremen would be welcome.

Night after night I have dropped in at the prestige places and have seen a pathetic row of empty stools facing the glittering glass cocktail bars.

The entertainers sing and play to ghost audiences and the idle barmen play dice. This is the evidence of my own eyes, yet no one will admit that trade is terrible.

There are the usual excuses—the season is slow in starting; people will come along about mid-night and through the restaurant until five a.m.—(they don't); February will see the cafes and nightspots jammed and hopping (it won't).

No one is facing up to the reality that the Palm Beach of

waking up to find most of Asia under Communist domination and the only development ahead of civilisation is destruction by the hydrogen bomb.

This has come about, he wrote, while Britons have been "lulled into a false tranquillity by promises of half an ounce more margarine at Christmas or of more chocolate for the kiddies or whatever the particular bribe of the moment may be and by the reports of small invisible diplomatic triumphs in Europe."

"Over the whole extent of the Government's complete, enormous and apparently almost irreparable failure in foreign policy, no single incident stands out as more exalted and gigantic than its listless inability to bring about any accord between the two halves of the world," he said.

"Is it beyond the wit of living statement to make some new and more successful effort toward the preservation of the world?" The United Press and Associated Press.

high fashion and higher prices, the unique Florida resort of the rich, is dying.

On the Beach-read itself most of the great Spanish-type mansions are unoccupied. Some are boarded up. Others need paint and repair.

Their owners are staying away, unwilling or unable to pay for the extravagant upkeep. Their investment in their property is so big that they cannot afford to abandon their castles entirely and no one else can afford to move in.

Only a handful of bold realists are splitting up the massive villas into smaller units or tearing the palaces down entirely.

Charles Venturi, secretary of the New York World Telegram and Sun, a friend of mine, is here, and says: "I can't ever remember things being so quiet."

He tells me the real sign of the fact that the hall-room boys or gigolos who come down with rented dinner jackets, swimming shorts, and elegant profiles, and hire out their services as escorts, will probably have to go on relief. The matrons are not getting hand-kisses and Canadian partners.

Entertaining in the smaller, private homes still struggles gallantly, and the smart clubs—the Everglades, the Seminole Country Club, and the Bath and Tennis—fight a fierce rear-guard action. I cannot help thinking it will be a losing battle, for if one Palm Beach is dying another is being born.

On the march

As the embattlements crumble and Society sinks, the rude and vulgar march in. The busiest place in Palm Beach now is the shabby and shoddy pier.

Trippers crowd the fish restaurant (popular prices), and the reel of frying fat challenges the pungent scented air. Tourists down giant cocktails, wolf jumbo-size shrimps, and put bottles of beer to their mouths.

A few blocks away the lobster thermidor and the filet mignon remain uneaten, and the expensive French chef has temperamental tantrums but the cocktail shops and the lunch counters coin money.

If you tell that to the residents here and to the local newspaper men, as I have done, they seem offended.

The reply: "But we are still exclusive in many ways. Tourists are limited to a one-hour stay; you won't find a single manufacturing chimney spouting smoke; and we don't even allow undertakers—all that sort of thing is done in West Palm Beach."

I would be wiser about the undertakers if I were they. This West Palm Beach, which so often comes into the conversation and is spoken of as being as remote as Siberia, is just across Lake Worth, as close to Palm Beach proper as Marble Arch is to Hyde Park-corner.

It is not fashionable. No Society king or queen ever lingered there. It is a lusty, neon-trimmed town which sprouts cinemas, drugstores, barbers' shops, shoeing parlours, cheap shops, and hotels.

It costs about £10 a day to stay in a fashionable Palm Beach hotel, only £2 a day in unfashionable West Palm Beach.

They'll take over

There are 63,000 people crowding the West Palm Beach and 20,000 more in the surrounding area. Only 6,000 people live all the year-round in Palm Beach itself, and Negroes are barred—except as servants living on estates.

It is my theory that ultimately West Palm Beach will stretch out and take over Palm Beach, invade the mansions and transform them into bowling alleys, occupy the villas and rent them as rooming houses.

Already there are quite a few houses with "Vacancy" signs outside them, and some of them are close to the majestic Royal Palmway itself. The barriers are falling.

During my stay here I have tried to find out what the people are thinking of the British, and what are the chances of selling British goods. The answers are

that the British are highly thought of—the snobs love to boast of their British ancestry—and the non-snobs regard the British as regular folk like themselves.

Our customers

British goods, apart from Scotch whisky, are largely unknown to West Palm Beach; but the gay blades and bucks of Palm Beach are fanciers of our sports cars.

Batches of brightly coloured MGs, Jaguars, and even an occasional Rolls-Royce purr among the palms and outside the patios.

I started this Diary by mentioning Palm Beach interest in the British election. It is high and informed, but surprisingly neutral. Most people say they leave it to New York and Washington to interfere in other people's affairs. They are on holiday and they are for blue skies and golden sands for everybody.

Local comment: The Socialists are buttering up voters, preparatory to taking another bite.

Footnote: Perhaps the Palm Beach story needs another title—Decline and Fall.

ICE HAMPERS EXPLORERS

Aboard The Survey Ship John Biscoe, Antarctic, February 2.

Dense ice has caused the Antarctic expedition jointly undertaken by Britain, Norway and Sweden to retreat to clearer waters after getting within 84 miles of their destination, Queen Maud Land.

Reuter's correspondent Douglas Liversidge, reports:

"We have been able to talk by radiotelephone to those on board the Norwegian steamer Korsk which is carrying the Queen Maud Land expedition whose scientists will study weather, glacier and geological conditions.

"The Korsk had been meeting increasing ice difficulties for a week and eventually found the way barred. The expedition made repeated attempts to reach Queen Maud Land but had reluctantly to struggle back and are now going North to make a fresh attempt at landing on the coast of Queen Maud Land.

"The Korsk told us by Morse, radiotelegraph, that some of the Scandinavians in the expedition had been able to enjoy skiing on the ice."—Reuter.

FO OFFICIALS SWITCH JOBS

London, February 2.
Three Foreign Office officials began switching jobs today.

Patrick H. Dean left for Rome to take on the job of Counsellor at the British Embassy in Rome. Mr. Dean, aged 41, was head of the German Political Department of the Foreign Office and in that capacity attended most of the Big Four meetings since the end of the war.

He is taking the place of Mr. J. G. Ward, who has been appointed Director of the Imperial Defence College, succeeding Mr. J. C. Stenardale Bennett. Mr. Bennett has been appointed Deputy to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia in Singapore.

Leading British diplomats expected to move in the near future include the Ambassador to Persia, Sir John le Rougetel, who is to take over from Sir Guy Rendell, Ambassador to Belgium; Sir Ronald Campbell, Ambassador to Egypt; and Sir Alexander Cadogan, chief British delegate at the United Nations—Associated Press.

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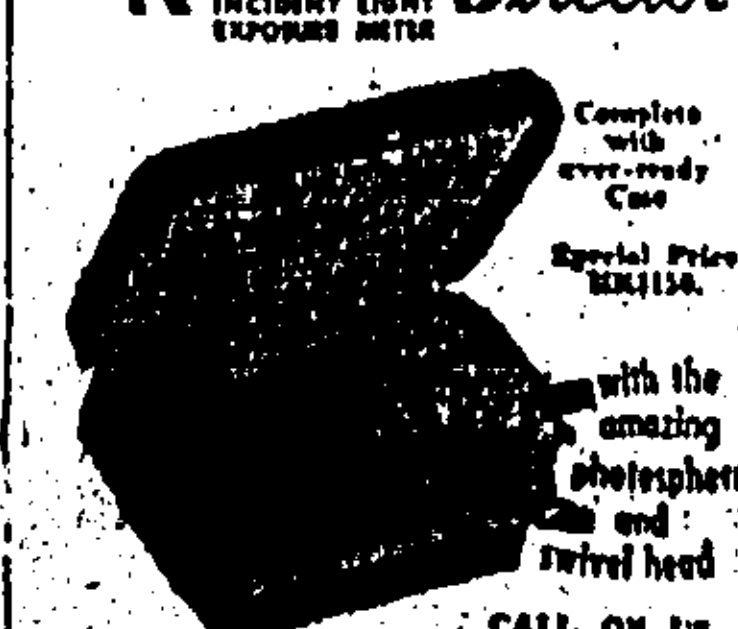
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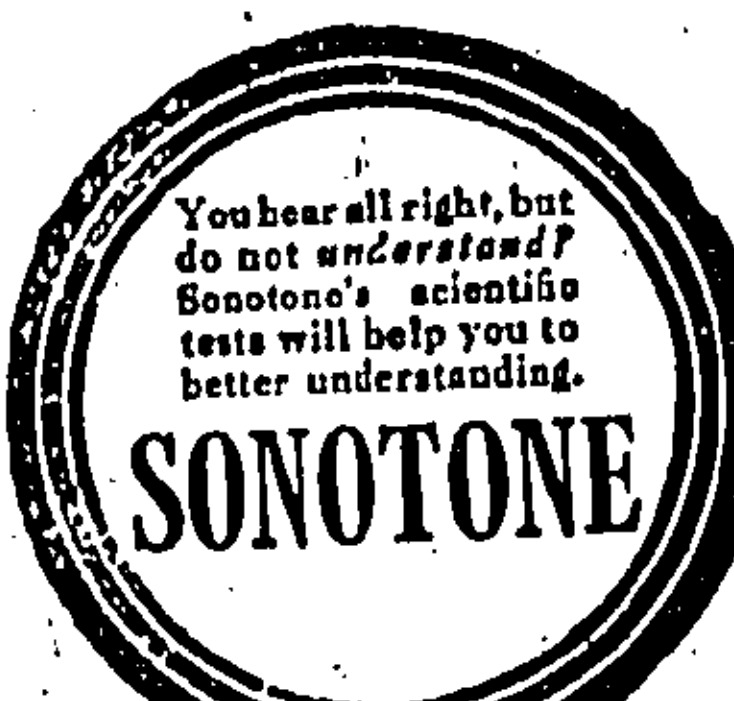
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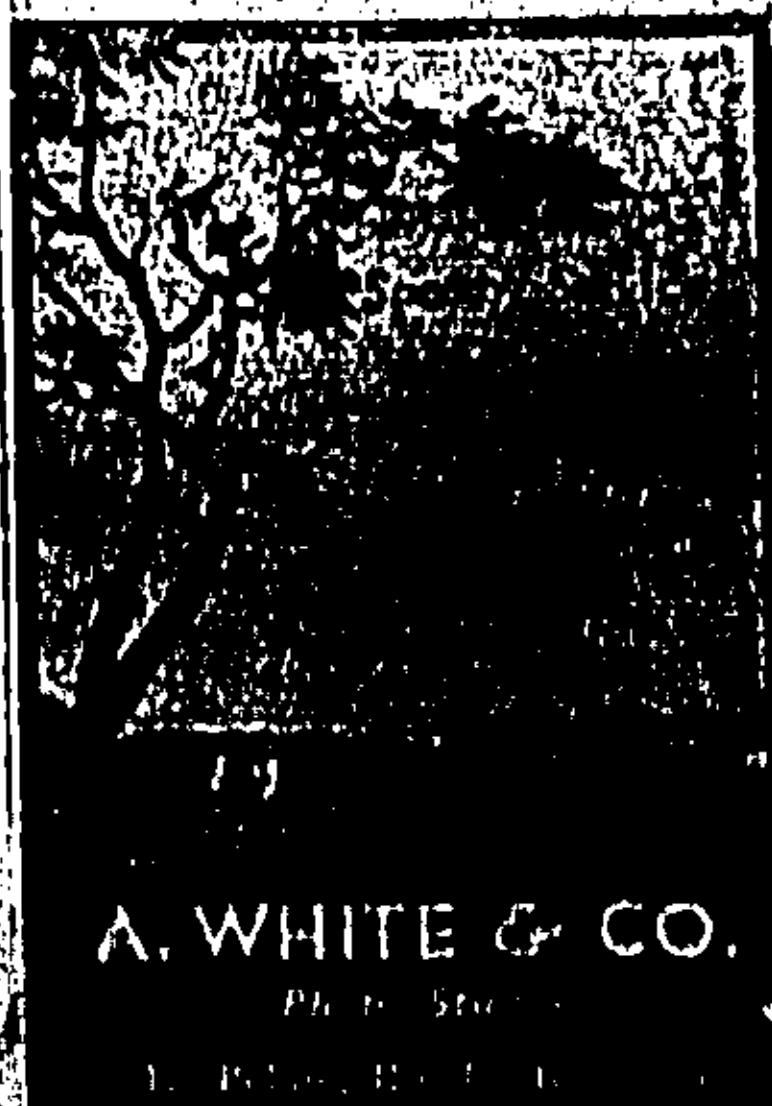
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COUNTER-MEASURES MAY BE IMPOSED IN BERLIN

Washington, February 2.

The U.S. State Department announced tonight that it is actively contemplating counter-measures against Russia in retaliation for the "creeping" traffic hold-up in Berlin.

A State Department official accused Russia of violating the Paris agreement of June last year, which ended the Berlin airlift, by interfering with the free flow of road and rail transport between Berlin and the Western Zones.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department Press Officer, said today: "We do not believe that we can sit idly by when the Soviet authorities violate international agreements in this manner. We believe that we must actively consider whether counter-measures should be taken."

"The nature of such counter-measures would, of course, depend on the specific circumstances prevailing at the time."

In reply to a question, Mr. McDermott said that the counter-measures are already under consideration. He indicated that the United States is prepared to re-establish the airlift if it becomes necessary.

Mr. McDermott said that the State Department is deeply concerned at the Soviet interference with traffic. He said there is no immediate threat to the supply situation of Berlin, and reserve stocks of food and fuel in the city are satisfactory.

"There is no reason, therefore, to believe that a re-establishment of the airlift is required at this time, but we remain prepared to take this step if it should prove necessary," he said.

Mr. McDermott, in answer to questions, declined to discuss what counter-measures might be taken, merely saying that all possibilities are being considered.

Three powers consulting

The "big blockade" was lifted last May after nearly a year during which Western Berlin was supplied entirely by the Anglo-American airlift. The blockade ended after a four-power meeting in Paris of the Foreign Ministers on Germany.

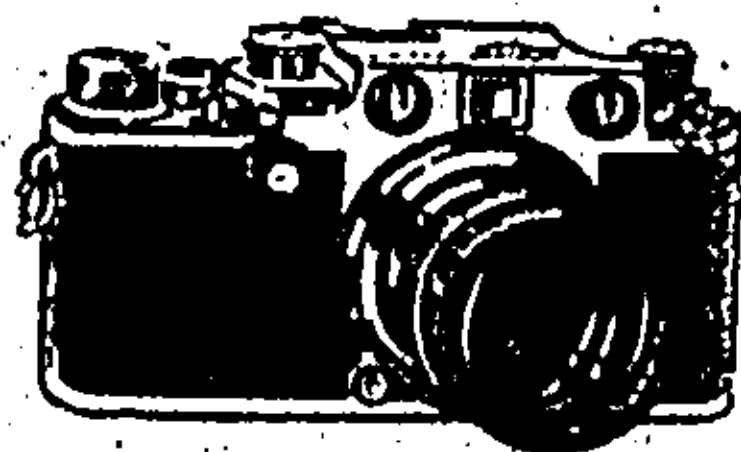
The mammoth all-bridge organization was never closed completely, a framework being left on which to build a full-scale service again should it become necessary.

Britain, France and the United States are in consultation about the imposition of counter-measures in Berlin if the "little or creeping" blockade continues, it is believed in diplomatic quarters in London. Although the Foreign Office spokesman refused to comment on the announcement by the State Department spokesman that counter-measures are being considered in Washington, it is thought in London that all three powers are reviewing the counter-measures imposed during the total blockade of Berlin in 1948-1949.

In the circumstances, it is thought that Allied reprisals would fall short of a total counter blockade but might involve certain checks on transport to the Soviet Zone of Germany. It is the general view in London that the counter-blockade was a serious strain on the economy of the Soviet Zone of Germany and was the main factor responsible for the calling off of the blockade last spring.

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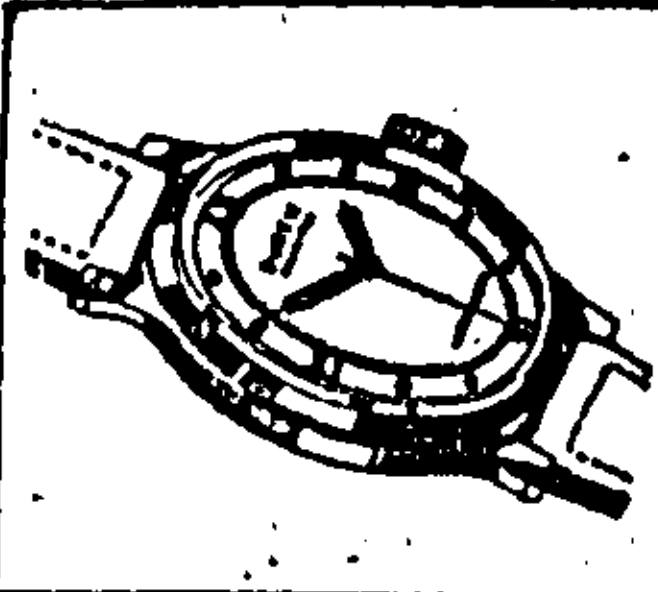
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Soccer:

Admission prices to soccer games should be pegged down

(By "ROVER")

In the public interest, something should be done about pegging down, to a reasonable level, admission charges to so-called "important" soccer games sponsored by the Hong Kong Football Association.

The prices at present charged are, to put it mildly, simply outrageous, having regard to the low standard of football served up and the primitive facilities provided spectators.

Apart from having to sit on hard, dirty wooden seats for several hours after standing in a queue for a lengthy period of time, spectators are also denied adequate facilities in regard to toilet.

For womenfolk, toilet facilities are practically non-existent; where they do exist, they are a disgrace.

At certain so-called "important" games a screen is used to surround the area marked off as a danger zone, exposing the spectators to full view of men and women in the stands.

If any individual were to obey a call of nature under similar conditions at any public place other than a football ground, he or she would most certainly be arrested for indecent exposure.

The presence of numerous hawkers in the stands also adds to the discomfort of spectators, who are jostled about and otherwise inconvenienced by these individuals as they walk about during the progress of a game.

Furthermore, certain of these hawkers are not above petty thieving and for this reason spectators have to divert their attention from the game and the hawkers.

The fire hazard.
Owing to the inflammable nature of the material with which the stands are constructed, spectators are also exposed to the fire hazard.

It may well be the plea of the Association that exorbitant charges are necessary to enable it to meet expenses involved in bringing teams to this Colony from abroad.

In this connection, it is suggested that before going to the expense of inviting teams from abroad, the Association should first concentrate on the task of giving all local players, without discrimination, proper coaching and training.

Players who, after a thorough course of coaching and training are selected to represent the Colony will then have a chance, which they do not now have, of putting up a worthy fight against first-rate opponents, while spectators, who are called upon to pay through the nose will at least get their money's worth in entertainment, if not comfort.

Until such time, then, the admission charges levied by the Association should be pegged down to a reasonable level.

Although the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation does not benefit to the same extent financially as the HKFA from free publicity which is given to soccer games and the visits of touring teams, its treatment of the Press as well as referees in the matter of admission to the Malayan games was, to say the least, most generous.

At the meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association on Tuesday last, referees were not slow to express their appreciation of the CNAAF gesture.

Not so generous
The HKFA, however, is not so generous towards members of the Press or referees.

It would seem that the HKFA is labouring under the impression that a generous allotment of complimentary tickets to referees and members of the Press is likely to lead to abuse or result in a heavy financial loss to the Association.

As a matter of interest, it might be mentioned that during the Swedish games, when the Press and referees were treated in a most sorry manner by the HKFA, a high-ranking official of the Association was seen giving the nod to his own personal friends, others to enter the ground, free of charge.

Under the circumstances, therefore, it is felt that in view of the invaluable help rendered local football by referees and the free publicity which it so generously receives from the Press, the HKFA should adopt a more liberal and broadminded attitude in its allotment of complimentary tickets to referees and members of the Press.

The weekly Press Conference arranged for Thursday last was again called off because "there was nothing of interest to report."

The real spirit
It would seem that the HKFA does not appreciate the real

League standings

FIRST DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

SECOND DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

THIRD DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

FOURTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

FIFTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

SIXTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

SEVENTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

EIGHTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

NINTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

TENTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

ELEVENTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

TWELFTH DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25
KH Chee	12	12	1	1	41	10	25

Rugby:

Army-Club rugby battle today

(By "J. T. STUD")

Two excellent rugby games are down for decision at Sookunpoo today and with the added attraction of a military band in attendance, enthusiasts of the carrying code can look forward to a grand afternoon's sport.

The Commando XV has been seriously depleted by the early departure of their stars for Singapore and whether they will manage to hold the considerably improved Royal Navy side remains to be seen.

The sailors, following their surprise but merited win of last week, will be all out to add to their laurels.

In Mitchell and Fawcett, they possess thrustful attackers and with Stowell backing up in the loose, these three should try the scales in favour of the sailors.

The Club have made no change for their side which was announced earlier in the week, whereas the Army team as was expected, shows several changes.

Outside the scrum, Major Hutson deputises for Major Wilson, who is unfit and Lieut. Wilson is preferred to Ives.

Capable attacker
This latter change comes as somewhat of a surprise, as Ives is a capable attacker and makes judicious use of the short kick ahead.

If the Club forwards gain an early ascendancy over their

opposite numbers, as they have managed to do all season, I think the civilians will emerge victors from what promises to be a rattling good game.

The composition of the Police and RAF teams is still in doubt, but even with the ground advantage in their favour, the Police will do extremely well to repeat their earlier draw with the Air-men.

The PAF have a young and active pack and this department alone should see them through.

In this column last week, I did write that the Police were not a member of the Air Force side which went down to the Club and I apologise for the inadvertent misquote.

The tournament standing is as follows:

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Club	9	9	0	0	103	6	18
Army	9	9	0	0	179	47	12
Commando	8	4	2	2	111	44	10
Royal Navy	8	4	0	4	94	93	8
RAF	7	1	0	6	31	120	1
Police	9	0	1	8	17	277	1

Tommy Farr is not sorry he gave up boxing

(By BEN PHLEGAR)

Brighton, February 2.
One-time boxer Tommy Farr, owner of a thriving pub (saloon) and director in a prosperous bookmaking business, is as "happy as I could be anywhere outside America."

Farr was the first man to fight Joe Louis after Louis won the heavyweight title in 1937. The fight went 15 rounds to a decision, something that happened only three times in Louis' 25 title defences.

Troubled by a lung condition—dust damaged his lungs when he was a miner—Farr settled in this sea

coast town in 1939. He quit the ring a year later and has not had a glove on since. He is not sorry.

"I loved boxing," he said, "but when you get a family you've got to think about other things."

Today he is in top physical condition, just four pounds over his best fighting weight of 207. He keeps that way with long walks and horseback riding.

Tommy, when asked if his two sons were going to be fighters, "It looks like nothing can stop them from being heavyweights," he replied.

"I would not sell my memories of those three years in the United States, any kind of money," Farr said. "I've always said that if there is such a thing as reincarnation, that's where I want to come back."

Too old to emigrate
Farr is 39 years old. He said he figured he was too old to think about emigrating now.

As for boxing today, "I don't know it closely," said (Bruce) Woodcock fight (Freddie) Mills last June. That was the first fight I'd seen in nine years."